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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: SNIE 36.5-59: "The Libyan Situation"

BACKGROUND

1. A briefing note on Libya, prepared by representatives of DD/P, O/CI, and O/NE, was presented to the USIB during the Sensitive Situations discussion of the meeting of 3 February. At the suggestion of the DDCL, a special estimate on Libya was agreed to by the USIB.

SUBSTANCE

2. The Agency took a generally more serious view of the urgency of the situation in Libya and of the imminence of the threat to Western bases than did the representatives of the Department of State and the military services. The paper which is submitted, however, represents a reconciliation of views. No reservations or recommendations for change are anticipated.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:

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